

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a Sandy Hook mother of 3 girls. One of which spent 2 hours in lock down at the Newtown Middle School while her 3rd grade sister fearfully gathered, huddled with her Sandy Hook Elementary class listening to screaming, crying, and gun shots, wondering if she and her friends would be next on that tragic day of December 14, 2012.

As I drove to the Sandy Hook School that morning, I can't remember getting in my car, I can't remember who I spoke with, but I will never be able to forget the sheer panic and terror of the thought of never seeing my daughter again. Wondering if the last conversation we would ever have was "do you know how much I love you and will miss you, while you are at school today." The way I fell lifelessly to the ground when asked if I could remember what my daughter was wearing when she left for school that day. And I will never forget the way the screams sounded as they came out of my mouth, "No, No, No..." as I drove to the school, and the way the sirens sounded from miles away.

No one should ever have to experience what my family and all the many others had to on that horrific day. Our lives are forever changed and we now have to find a way to heal, move forward and fight for a change. It is for this reason that I feel compelled to speak out to save others from suffering as we have. I write to you today, because I am unable to attend the meetings, and I wish to express my support for the President's plan to reduce gun violence in America and raise my voice for a change. We need to:

- 1. Require a criminal background check for every gun sold in America that includes a review of all disqualifying records and meaningful record keeping for all sales – in the same manner that Federally licensed dealers are currently required;**
- 2. Ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines; and**
- 3. Make gun trafficking a federal crime, with real penalties.**

Please help us make a difference in this world!

Sincerely,
Kerrin Hage